



January 14, 2014

Dear Property Owner:

PUBLIC MEETING – CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

You are being sent this letter because FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) indicate that your property is in or near a flood zone. FEMA is in the process of updating these maps for York County and would like to provide an opportunity for citizens to review the maps that show the proposed changes prior to the final update becoming effective in late 2014. You are hereby invited to attend a public Open House meeting anytime between the hours of **5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Grafton High School Cafeteria**. County Staff and FEMA employees will be present during that time to discuss the changes to the maps and answer any questions. We would like to encourage you to learn more about your flood risk and to review the updates shown on the preliminary maps. Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States; it is vital for property owners to understand their risks and take advantage of tools and programs available to them, including flood insurance, to help reduce flood impacts. This is your opportunity to look at how changes in the maps will affect your individual property. As a result of these map updates, some buildings in York County may be included in a high risk flood zone for the first time.

The County has copies of the draft maps available now for review at Environmental and Development Services, 105 Service Drive or the GIS office in Computer Support Services, 120 Alexander Hamilton Drive Yorktown. The proposed maps can also be viewed on the York County website under Property Information System Maps found at <http://maps.yorkcounty.gov/propertyinfo/> or at a FEMA website at <http://www.r3coastal.com/>. Please bring a copy of your property from Property Information with the flood zone shown if you have questions on it.

As part of the change, FEMA is adding a Limit of Moderate Wave Action (**LIMWA**) line to the FIRM that follows the shoreline. This will not make a difference to insurance rates but could affect building requirements for structures between the line and the water. This will be discussed at the open house meeting.

For any questions you have concerning flood insurance you can contact The National Flood Insurance Program at their website at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>; by phone at 1-888-379-9531, or by mail to FEMA, 500C ST SW, Washington DC 20472.

If you have any additional questions, please call Connie Bennett at 890-3756, or go to our website <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/CountyGovernment/EnvironmentalDevServices/StormwaterManagement/FloodplainFloodInsuranceInformation.aspx>

We are committed to ensuring that the meeting and materials are accessible to all, and so in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (www.ada.gov), reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Please include a way we can contact you if more information is needed. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Please contact Dave Bollinger at david.bollinger@dhs.gov or by phone at 1-215-931-5561 with any questions or concerns regarding accommodations.

Sincerely,

Connie Bennett, PE CFM
Stormwater Division Chief/Floodplain Manager